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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PREPARATION FOR NON-ALIGNED
MEETINGS: CUBA'S ROLE

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1. GUYANA'S FOREIGN MINISTER RASHLEIGH JACKSON, DURING DISCUS-
SION WITH DCM MARCH 4, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT DIVISIVE ISSUES
WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT MIGHT DOMINATE THE NAM MEETINGS
AT KABUL AND BELGRADE. WITHOUT MENTIONING CUBA BY NAME, HE SAID
THAT IF THE ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA CONFLICT WERE STILL RAGING, THE
NAM WOULD BECOME EMBROILED IN DEBATE OVER IT. HE ALSO MEN-
TIONED THE KAMPUCHEA/VIETNAM CONFLICT AND THE WESTERN SAHARA
DISPUTES AS OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH COULD TURN THE ATTENTION OF THE
NAM AWAY FROM NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES.

2. JACKSON SAID HE REGARDED THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE INDUS-
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TRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS A PROCESS OF AC-
COMMODATION. THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WAS
PART OF THIS PROCESS. IT WAS NOT A RIGID SET OF DE-
MANDS OR PRESCRIPTIONS, BUT, FROM DEVELOPING WORLD'S
STANDPOINT, HAD AS A PRINCIPAL GOAL THE ALTERATION OF
THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THE
ECONOMIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHOUT NECESSARILY

LOWERING STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

3. GUYANA'S COMMITMENT TO NON-ALIGNMENT WAS RECENTLY RE-AFFIRMED BY JACKSON (REF D), AND THE GOG CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE KABUL AND BELGRADE MEETINGS. (THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR HERE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING THE GUYANESE TO STAKE OUT POSITIONS DISTINCT FROM THE CUBANS-- AND SOVIETS-- IN THE NAM AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS.)

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GUYANA WILL CERTAINLY NOT SPEARHEAD ANY EFFORT TO GET CUBA OUT OF AFRICA, SOME GOG OFFICIALS PRIVATELY INDICATE THEY ARE BECOMING NERVOUS OVER THE EXTENT OF CUBA'S INTERVENTION, PARTICULARLY IN THE EASTERN HORN. ALSO, AS REPORTED REF C, PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM RECENTLY ADVISED THE CUBANS NOT TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY PRESENCE IN BELIZE. THE GUYANESE CAN BE EXPECTED TO STRIVE TO MAINTAIN NAM SOLIDARITY AT THE KABUL AND BELGRADE MEETINGS. IF CUBA'S ACTIVITIES ARE DIVISIVE, THE GOG WOULD PROBABLY WORK WITH YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA AND SRI LANKA IN MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF THE MOVEMENT.
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